



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Group Art Unit 1638

In re

Patent Application of

Vincent Lee C. Chiang, et al.

Application No. 09/530,663

Confirmation No.: 3250

Filed: July 11, 2000

Examiner: Stuart F. Baum

"GENETIC ENGINEERING OF LIGNIN  
BIOSYNTHESIS IN PLANTS"

I, Leslie Lindsay Smith, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date of my signature.

LL Smith  
Signature

22 March 2004  
Date of Signature

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.